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SUBJ: CANCELLATION OF SYG LUNS' VISIT TO BERLIN

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1. AT REQUEST FO SYG LUNS, HIS DIRECTEUR DU CABINET, VAN CAMPEN, TELEPHONED CHARGE OCTOBER 16 TO REPORT THAT FRG PERMREP KRAPF HAD INFORMED LUNS THAT THE FRG WAS WITHDRAWING ITS INVITATION TO LUNS TO VISIT BERLIN WEEK OF OCTOBER 26. KRAPF REPORTEDLY TOLD LUNS THAT UK, US AND FRANCE HAD CONCLUDED THAT "PRESENCE OF THE NATO SECRETARY GENERAL IN BERLIN WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE."
2. VAN CAMPEN FURTHER REPORTED THAT LUNS PERSONALLY WAS MOST UNHAPPY WITH THIS TURN OF EVENTS. HE FELT DECISION REFLECTED A "LACK OF BACKBONE" TOWARD THE SOVIETS ON THE PART OF THE THREE POWERS, AND THE FRG.
3. PERHAPS EVEN MORE DISTASTEFUL TO LUNS THAN THE WITHDRAWAL OF
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THE INVITATION IS THAT NONE OF THE THREE POWERS CONSULTED WITH HIM IN ADVANCE ABOUT THEIR VIEWS ON THIS MATTER, BUT RATHER LEFT IT TO THE FRG TO WITHDRAW ITS INVITATION. IN TERMS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH LUNS IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL

IF WE COULD PRESENT TO HIM A RATIONALE
FOR THE DECISION AND INDICATE THAT IN SUCH FUTURE CASES WE
WOULD PLAN TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM BEFORE SUCH DECISIONS
ARE FINALLY TAKEN, SO THAT HE CAN HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS
HIS VIEWS. STREATOR

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